Per-capita income in Andhra Pradesh

2704. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the per-capita income in Andhra Pradesh and how does it compare with the average per-captia income at the national level; and

(b) the steps taken Government to bring the per-capita income of Andhra Pradesh at par with national level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHORIE): (a) As per the latest available information the per capita income in Andhra Pradesh, measured by per capita Net State Domestic Product at current prices was Rs. 14715 in the year 1999-2000. Against this, the national per capita income, measured by per capita Net National Product (factor cost) at current prices was Rs. 16047 in 1999-2000.

(b) Certain regions in the Country are not keeping up with the overall growth process. The primary reasons for this relate to the quality of governance, and the resulting inability to take advantage of the opportunities that become available. Balanced regional development has always been an essential component of the Indian development strategy. Since not all parts of the country are equally well endowed to take advantage of growth opportunities, and since historical inequalities have not been eliminated, planned intervention is required. The Ninth Five Year Plan envisages to ensure improved opportunity for public and private investment through appropriate policy measures in favour of the weaker States and focuses on specific aspects of social and physical infrastructure, agriculture, information technology and water policy, for which Special Action Plans have been evolved with time bound targets, actionable strategies and adequate resources.

Stabilizing country's population

2705. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a panel of the National Commission on Population has recently asked the State Governments for their action plans towards meeting the objectives of stabilizing the country's population by 2045;

(b) what were the decisions taken during the interaction; and

(c) whether the gap of four and a half decades would not be dilly- dallying tactics to achieve the noble objective of family planning which has proved a stumbling block in multifarious progress of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHORIE): (a) to (c) After the adoption of National Population Policy 2000, the